



Smithson Valley High School

RANGER BAND

Greetings, Ranger Band Community!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 SV Ranger Band! Things are in high gear as we plan to follow a very successful year for our program. The 2025-2026 year was yet another strong competitive year on the field, in the arena, and on the concert stage. We seek to continue the success of our band and colorguard students with our 2026 Marching Band Production - "Bad Romance". Please read all of the enclosed information carefully, as changes have been made from previous years. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Marching Band Physicals –

UIL requires all Band and Color Guard students to receive a NEW physical to participate in athletic activities, such as marching band and color guard. This physical must be conducted after May 1st, 2026, to be considered current. A copy of the Physical Form is included later in this packet. *Students unable to present a completed form on their first day of activity will not be permitted to participate until the documentation is received.* You may choose to use your family practitioner or a clinic, but the included form must be completed by a physician. Please turn in hard copies of completed forms on your student's first day with us.

Additional Required Forms –

In addition to the Physical Form (which is due on the first day of activity - July 27th), the forms following the Physical Form in this packet are the required District and Ranger Band forms. These will need to be completed and turned in to the band directors as hard copies during the first week of Summer Band or by band registration day (Aug 1st). Electronic copies cannot be accepted; we are often unable to access electronic information that could be vital to the safety of your student. We take no chances, so all forms will need to be turned in as a hard copy.

Calendar –

The full 2026-2027 Calendar is included in this packet. We will do all we can to maintain these dates, but sometimes we are given no choice but to reschedule or make a change to an event. I will give at least two weeks' notice of any updates, if possible. Please consult this calendar while making any plans or doctor visits. Attendance is expected of everyone at all rehearsals and performances in order for the whole team to be successful. We adhere to the district protocol for attendance, and unexcused absences will result in impacted grades and may possibly limit the level of participation. Please keep this in mind as we begin and progress throughout the year.



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Ranger Band Registration (August 1st) – More details attached

Registration Day is intended for ALL Ranger Band members, including percussion and color guard. It is designed as a “One-Stop-Shop” for students and parents. Students will be fitted for traditional uniforms, marching shoes, and show hats. Required forms and contact information will be submitted, and all required fees and forms will be finalized and collected. Optional spirit items will be available. Band AND Guard Parents will have an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for many events through our amazing Booster Club. Parent support has been top-notch and undeniably plays a vital role in the success of all our students - please come out and join us! Registration day information is at the end of this packet and includes specific times for each grade level to facilitate a smooth process for everyone. So much can be achieved on this day. Please plan to attend registration day if possible, even if you cannot attend your student's assigned time. If for some reason you cannot attend that day, please contact our treasurer at treasurer@svhsband.com before registration to coordinate payments and uniform sizings.

Lastly -

While the schedule and the activity seems daunting, know that we will be with you all the way through the experience, teaching every step, and every note to ensure this year is a fun, positive, and rewarding experience for everyone!! We make time to get to know everyone and provide social events so that students can enter the school year with 200 people you can count on, both in our program and throughout your high school experience. Before we start, do some outdoor activities so that you are acclimated to the summer heat. Our most demanding outdoor activities are early in the day, but it can be quite hot by the time we come inside. Your health is important to the Ranger Band Staff, and we will monitor you closely, but drinking water regularly and eating something for breakfast EVERY MORNING BEFORE Summer Band is crucial. Looking at our schedule can seem intimidating, but remember it encompasses the entire year. I was nervous on my first day of band camp in 9th grade, but after the first day, I knew it would be well worth it! With the Ranger Band and Color Guard, you get out of it what you put into it. We work hard, play hard, and perform with a unique raw energy people love and consider it to be the Ranger way. I can't wait to put another ambitious production on the field with our incredible Ranger Band Family. This year will be another one to remember! On behalf of the Ranger Band Staff, welcome to the 2026-2027 Smithson Valley High School Ranger Band!

See you soon!

Scott Duncan
Director of Bands

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SCOTT DUNCAN, DIRECTOR OF BANDS ♦ ROBERT ANDRADE, ASSOCIATE BAND DIRECTOR – COLOR GUARD

EMMA HALLETT, ASSOCIATE BAND DIRECTOR ♦ TRAVIS LAND, ASSOCIATE BAND DIRECTOR – PERCUSSION



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COMMUNICATION GUIDE

Communication is vital to our success. Below are several important ways in which we communicate:

Website –

The band website is www.svrangerband.org - this is where you can find lots of helpful information and updates, including required forms, a calendar, some media posts, and reprints of memos, to name a few.

Remind –

Email just isn't as fast and predictable as we'd like. The vast majority of information will be sent through Remind. This is a safe way to receive group text messages where everyone's phone number remains private, and replies are only between myself and the person replying. ALL BAND AND COLOR GUARD MEMBERS are required to be enrolled, as well as at least one adult per household. Use your name when creating your account please, as we sometimes will need to contact individuals. Through Remind, you will receive Memos regarding upcoming events; weekly during marching season, and usually monthly for the remainder of the year. You will receive last-minute announcements or schedule changes due to weather and travel conditions and communications, if necessary, to ensure smooth transportation. Beginning July 27th, Remind will be our main outlet of communication. Please use this info to sign up: To join, simply text @k4fb36 to 81010, or you can download the Remind app and insert the same class code - @k4fb36.

Parent Square –

We will be moving to Parent Square this year for our mass communication, much like we have used Remind in the past. Once our system is up and running, all parents and students will need to sign up to ensure that information is communicated effectively via text and email. This will function as Remind has.

Email –

The email addresses of our Band Staff are provided below. You may reach out to any director for any needs, but for the fastest response, please email the Associate Directors who can either answer your questions or can bring them to me. My goal is to foster strong communication within our program.

Mr. Duncan - Director of Bands	Overall Logistics	scott.duncan@comalisd.org
Mr. Andrade - Assoc. Band Director	Color Guard/Uniforms	robert.andrade@comalisd.org
Ms. Hallett - Assoc. Director	Inventory/Attendance	emma.hallett@comalisd.org
Mr. Land - Assoc. Director	Percussion	travis.land@comalisd.org



Sign up for important updates from E. Hallett, R. Andrade, S. Duncan, and T. Land.

Get information for **Smithson Valley High School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for **26-27 Ranger Band**:

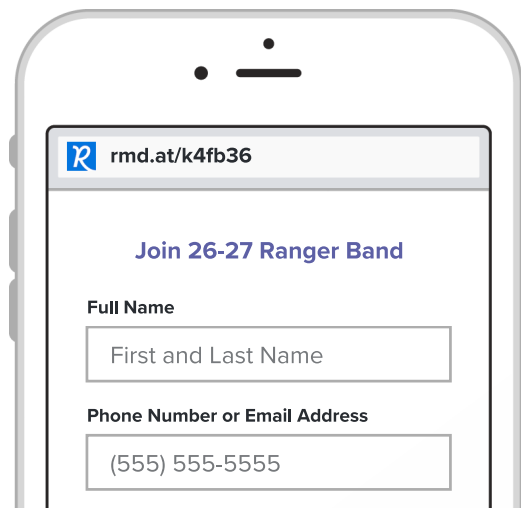
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If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/k4fb36

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@k4fb36](https://rmd.at/k4fb36) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@k4fb36](https://rmd.at/k4fb36) to **(415) 749-9889**.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/k4fb36 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Date _____

COMAL I.S.D.
EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND INSURANCE FORM

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Social Security # _____ Sex M – F Grade _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Work # _____

Mother's name _____

Cellular phone # or Pager # _____

Father's Name _____

Cellular phone # or Pager # _____

If parents cannot be reached, please notify _____

Cellular phone # or Pager # _____

Insurance company _____

Group # _____ Policy # _____ Phone # _____

Do you wear contacts? _____ Glasses? _____ Dental Equipment? _____

List all medications taken regularly and why - _____

Blood Type: _____

ALLERGIES (Circle all that apply)

Penicillin Aspirin Sulfa Novocaine Erythromycin Xylocaine Codeine

List any other known allergies _____

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY (Circle all that apply)

High Blood Pressure Thyroid Disease Back Injury

Irregular Heart Beat Mental Problems Colitis

Sickle Cell Disease Kidney Infections Hives

Head Injury Ear, Nose, Throat Disease

Other _____

In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize the Smithson Valley High School Band Director to make the necessary decisions for the safety of my child's health.

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

I give permission for a band chaperone to give my child the recommended dosage of:

___ Tylenol (Acetaminophen) ___ Advil (Ibuprofen) (put yes or no in each box)

SMITHSON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AND OFF CAMPUS TRAVEL POLICIES

Membership in the Smithson Valley HS Band is an honor and a privilege. Participation comes with a higher standard of behavior than the Comal ISD Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation on adherence to those standards.

Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property.

Extracurricular behavioral standards shall not have the effect of discriminating on the basis of gender, race, color, disability, religion, ethnicity or national origin. Student's and parent's signature acknowledge they have read these behavioral standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in Smithson Valley HS Band.

Students who represent the Smithson Valley HS Band are expected to maintain very high standards in every respect at all times. They are expected to attend and be on time for all sessions and activities scheduled. In the event of overnight trips, they are expected to be in their rooms at the times designated by their sponsors. Each student will be responsible to one or more faculty sponsors who will supervise the activities of the student for the trip. Negligence in attending sessions, in meeting curfew requirements, or in failing to maintain our standards of conduct may make it necessary for the sponsor to send the student home at his/her own expense. Video/audio equipment is used for safety purposes to monitor student behavior on buses and campuses. Recordings shall be reviewed as needed by the principal, and evidence of student misconduct shall be documented.

Self-discipline is the key element when representing Smithson Valley HS and Comal ISD off campus or when on a school-related trip. Students who are involved in a serious disciplinary offense, such as the use, possession of, or being under the influence of illicit drugs, tobacco, or alcohol, stealing, violence, going in the room of a member of the opposite sex, or some other serious offense will face disciplinary action which may include one or more of the following:

1. The student will be sent home from the trip at the parents' expense.
2. The student will be held liable for damages to property.
3. The student may be removed from this school activity as well as other school co-curricular activities.
4. The student may be placed in In-School-Suspension (ISS), Off-Campus-Suspension, or Alternative Education Placement.

Student's attire during school activities outside the school day should be in good taste. While it is inevitable there will be differences of opinion regarding the appropriateness of a student's attire, the final decision lies with the directors. All adults on trips will serve as sponsors when traveling with a group. Students will be expected to treat them with respect at all times.

REMEMBER – Even though you will not always be wearing a shirt with a Smithson Valley logo, people will find out where you are from and what group you represent. You have the opportunity to make a tremendous name for Smithson Valley and for yourself. Be courteous and polite at all times. There is no way we can anticipate every possible scenario, so we ask for good judgment. Please use common sense. RULE OF THUMB: If there is any question in your mind as to whether you should do something or not...DON'T DO IT! It is better to be safe than sorry.

WE ARE CONFIDENT OF ALL SMITHSON VALLEY HS BAND STUDENTS' CONDUCT AND THEIR ABILITY TO BE GOOD AMBASSADORS FOR COMAL ISD. IF WE ANTICIPATED A PROBLEM, WE WOULD NOT TRAVEL.

I HAVE **READ** AND **DISCUSSED** ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE ABOVE "STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AND OFF CAMPUS TRAVEL POLICIES" WITH MY SON/DAUGHTER, AND I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND MY RESPONSIBILITY AS TO THESE POLICIES AND CONSENT TO THEM AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, AND THAT OF MY SON/DAUGHTER, WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE SMITHSON VALLEY HS BAND COMES WITH A HIGHER STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR THAN THE COMAL ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND THAT MY SON'S/DAUGHTER'S MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IS CONDITIONED UPON ADHERENCE TO THOSE STANDARDS. MY SON/DAUGHTER HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRIPS.

Student Name (PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

Student Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date

**PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

Updated 2018

No student may be required to attend a marching band related practice for more than eight hours outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. **Exception:** For schools that begin instruction prior to the fourth Monday in August the limit of eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic school day per calendar week shall begin on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. Schools under this exception shall be limited to eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic day per school week (12:01 AM on the first day of school of the calendar week through the end of the school day on the last day of instruction of the school week) until the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day.

On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples of Activities Subject to the UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band and Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing and Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Passing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director and Student Led)
- Clinics for The Marching Band or Any of its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included in the Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time to and From Rehearsals and/or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades and Other Public Performances
- Instruction and Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components

NOTE: More information about Marching Band practice limitations can be found at:

www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band

“We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations.”

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

This form is to be kept on file by the local school district.

Comal Independent School District

Fine Arts Handbook Acknowledgement

I have been provided a copy of the CISD Fine Arts Handbook. I understand and consent to the rules, responsibilities, and standards of conduct outlined in the Comal Independent School District Fine Arts Handbook. I agree to adhere to all of these rules and regulations.

Student (print)	SCHOOL
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Student Signature	DATE
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Parent Signature	DATE
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Consent and Agreement

We are aware that the Smithson Valley Band Handbook is available from the Band's Website (svrangerband.org) and that review of this document is necessary for participation in the band program at Smithson Valley High School. We have read and understand the Ranger Band Member Handbook, particularly all the rules and requirements and the Band Discipline Plan (BDP), and, as a condition of the Student's participation in the Ranger Band, consent to and agree to comply with all rules and requirements therein.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Student's Name (printed legibly)

Parent's Name (printed legibly)

Date

Date

This consent and agreement must be signed and dated, as indicated, and returned to the Band director before the student may participate in any Band function. Again, this document is available on the Smithson Valley Band website svrangerband.org or by hardcopy from the band director to students during class. Any failure to participate for failure to return this consent will be considered an unexcused absence.

RETURN THIS COPY TO THE BAND DIRECTORS.
FAILURE TO RETURN THIS DOCUMENT WITH SIGNATURE WILL
NOT EXCUSE A STUDENT FROM GOVERNANCE OF THE
HANDBOOK. ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION WITH THE
RANGER BAND IS CONSIDERED CONSENT AND AGREEMENT TO
ALL TERMS OF THE SVHS RANGER BAND HAND BOOK.

2026-2027 Smithson Valley HS

Ranger Band Calendar: **Current as of July 1st, 2026**

All rehearsals and performances are required for all students involved

Summer Band Daily Schedule:

Week 1	-	7/27-7/28
		Color Guard & Percussion - 9AM-4PM -- Student Leadership - 7AM-11AM
		Woodwind & Brass Camp - 12PM-4PM
		7/29-7/31
		Color Guard & Percussion - 9AM-4PM -- ALL WINDS - 7AM-11AM
		Full Band Rehearsal PM Block 12PM-4PM
	8/1	Band Registration

Week 2	-	8/3-8/7
		Full Band/Guard Rehearsal AM Block 7AM-11AM
		Lunch 11AM-12PM
		Full Band/Guard Rehearsal PM Block 12PM-4PM

Week 3	-	8/10-8/14
		Full Band/Guard Rehearsal AM Block 7AM-11AM
		Lunch 11AM-12PM
		Full Band/Guard Rehearsal PM Block 12PM-4PM

Week 4	-	8/17-8/21
		Full Band/Guard Rehearsal AM Block 7AM-11AM
		Lunch 11AM-12PM
		Full Band/Guard Rehearsal PM Block 12PM-4PM

July		
Mon	27	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER BAND! (Everyone - See Summer Band Schedule)
Tue	28	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone - See Summer Band Schedule)
Wed	29	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone - See Summer Band Schedule)
Thu	30	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone - See Summer Band Schedule)
Fri	31	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone - See Summer Band Schedule)

August		
Sat	1	2026 Ranger Band Registration

Mon	3	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)
Tue	4	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)
Wed	5	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)
Thu	6	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone) BAND OLYMPICS! 4:30-6:30
Fri	7	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)

Mon	10	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (everyone)
Tue	11	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Wed	12	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Thu	13	OSC Performance - Wind Ensemble & Drumline Only (NO REHEARSAL)
Fri	14	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)

Mon	17	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Tue	18	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Wed	19	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone)
Thu	20	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone) PICTURE DAY! 7AM
		Meet the Band Night 6:30-8:30pm (Everyone)
Fri	21	Band Rehearsal 7am-4pm (Everyone) Band Social - (Will Vote on Activity)

Mon	24	Last Day of Summer - No Rehearsal
Tue	25	First Day of School - Band Rehearsal 4:50pm-7:50pm (Everyone)
Wed	26	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Thu	27	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Fri	28	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs Cinco Ranch @ HOME 7pm (Everyone)

Mon	31	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm (Everyone)
September		
Tue	1	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Wed	2	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Thu	3	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs Sotomayor @ Farris 7pm (Everyone)
Fri	4	NO GAME - NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!

Mon	7	Labor Day (student/staff holiday) - NO REHEARSAL
Tue	8	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Wed	9	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Thu	10	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Fri	11	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs McCallum (Senior Night) @ HOME 7pm (Everyone)

Mon	14	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	15	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
Wed	16	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Thu	17	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Fri	18	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs. Manor @ MAC 7:00pm (Everyone)

Mon	21	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Rally in the Valley ~ 6pm
Tue	22	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Wed	23	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Thu	24	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs. Cedar Creek @ HOMECOMING 7pm (Everyone)
Fri	25	Comal County Fair Parade - All Day (Everyone)
Sat	26	TMEA Region Jazz Auditions - TBA

Mon	28	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	29	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
Wed	30	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
October		
Thu	1	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs. Lehman @ Shelton 7pm (Everyone)
Fri	2	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Sat	3	Marching Contest #1 (Everyone) All Day

Mon	5	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	6	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Wed	7	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		District Marching Exhibition @ SVHS - Hosting
Thu	8	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
		Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Fri	9	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs. Anderson @ HOME 7pm (Everyone)
Sat	10	Marching Contest #2 - (Everyone) All Day

Mon	12	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00pm-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	13	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
Wed	14	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Thu	15	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Fri	16	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs. Lockhart @ Lion 7pm (Everyone)
Sat	17	UIL Region 12 Marching Contest @ Heroes (Everyone) All Day

Mon	19	Columbus Day (holiday) - Stadium Rehearsal 5:45pm-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	20	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
Wed	21	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Thu	22	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Fri	23	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Football vs. Champion @ HOME 7pm (Everyone)
Sat	24	Area Marching Contest @ Rutledge (Everyone) All Day - Prelims/Finals

Mon	26	Band Stadium Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm (Everyone)
Tue	27	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
Wed	28	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Thu	29	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Fri	30	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone) Tentative
		Football vs. Seguin @ Matador 7pm (Everyone)
Sat	31	UIL State Championship Rehearsal 8am-10am (Everyone) Tentative

November		
Mon	2	UIL State Championship Prelims @ Alamodome (Everyone) All Day
Tue	3	UIL State Championship Finals @ Alamodome (Everyone) All Day - Possible
Wed	4	NO REHEARSAL - Take A Break!
Thu	5	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
Fri	6	Bands of America Prelims @ Alamodome / Tentative Stadium Dinner
Sat	7	UIL State Championship Rehearsal / BOA Finals Possible

Mon	9	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
Tue	10	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
Wed	11	NO REHEARSAL - ENJOY IT!
Thu	12	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
		Booster Meeting 6:30
	12-14	Play-off Football Game (possible)
Thu	19	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
	19-21	Play-off Football Game (possible)
	23-27	Thanksgiving Break
	27-28	Play-off Football Game (possible)

December		
Wed	2	TMEA Region Band Auditions @ Pieper HS - Wind Ensemble Required
Thu	3	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
	3-5	Play-off Football Game (possible)
Fri/Sat	4-5	Region Orchestra Clinic/Concert
Thu	10	Band Rehearsal 7:00am-8:30am (Everyone)
	10-12	Play-off Football Game (possible)
Tues	15	Holiday Concert 6:30PM
	17-19	Football State Championships (possible)
	12/21-1/1	Holiday Break

January		
Thu	7	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Sat	9	TMEA Area Auditions (For those that advance)
Thu/Fri	14-15	TMEA Region Band Clinic/Concert (For those that qualified) @ SVHS
Mon	18	MLK Holiday (student/staff holiday)
Fri/Sat	22-23	TMEA Region Jazz Clinic/Concert @ New Braunfels HS

February		
Thu	4	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Sat	6	UIL Region Solo & Ensemble - Mandatory for Wind Ensemble
Tue	9	Midwinter Concert 6:30PM
Thu-Sat	11-13	TMEA Convention - TMEA All State Band Performances Saturday
Sat	27	TCGC Guard Contest - Mandatory for All - Mandatory for All Students

March		
Tue	2	CISD District Night of Jazz @ Davenport HS
Thu	4	Pre-UIL Concert 6:30
	18	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Tues/Wed	23-24	UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest @ Seguin HS

April		
Thu	1	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Wed	28	Comal District Fine Arts Awards Night @ Pieper HS

May		
Sat	1	Percussion Ensemble Concert
Tue	18	Spring Concert 6:30PM
Thu	20	Band and Color Guard Booster Meeting 6:30
Fri	21	Band Banquet - Tentative
	??	Graduation (2027 Fall Wind Ensemble Performs)
Sat/Mon	29 & 31	UIL State Solo and Ensemble

YELLOW = REQUIRED PERFORMANCE FOR ALL MEMBERS

BLUE = BAND BOOSTERS



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Letter Regarding Marching Schedule Adjustment for Fall 2026

Greetings, Ranger Band Students and Parents,

As you may have seen on our calendar, this year we are going to switch from PM rehearsals to AM rehearsals. This is for several reasons that we feel will directly benefit the personal and academic well-being of all students and parents involved in our program by adjusting when the bulk of our rehearsals take place. Please read through this letter to gain an understanding of why we are making this decision.

Weather is a major factor working against us during marching season when we consider physical health. Texas heat is no joke. This has become a growing safety concern. Additionally, the UIL heat index adversely impacts rehearsals due to time constraints put in place, where we can only rehearse below certain temperatures, or for abbreviated periods of time. In the past, our rehearsals began at the hottest part of the day, while the sun sets directly in the direction the students faced for the entire rehearsal. This encourages students to develop poor performance habits such as closing their eyes or squinting while they are supposed to watch the drum majors for tempo and musicality. This demand is challenging even for experienced marchers. AM rehearsals will all but guarantee better weather and rehearsal conditions.

Academic tutoring is offered by most teachers after school only. This means that throughout the marching season we are missing students for portions of nearly every rehearsal. Students trickle in from tutoring which can affect the flow of productivity. We always do what we can to help students, especially if it benefits them academically. We encourage students to attend tutoring if needed, whether to get help or make up work. Collectively, this equates to nearly all rehearsals throughout the season having only partial attendance at times. Per admin, tutoring doesn't start until 8:25am, so this will help us maximize our rehearsal time. Switching to AM rehearsals optimizes the likelihood that all members will be present with higher frequency than PM. This should also encourage higher levels of eligibility as well which will highly benefit our team activity.

Time efficiency and personal well-being is the other major factor in this decision. Our hard working students are often very busy in many ways from academics, sports, clubs, church, etc. With PM rehearsals, our students have had limited amounts of time to complete assignments or personal matters at the end of very long days. With AM rehearsals, our students will be free each afternoon (except for one masterclass day) to get home and do the things that need to be done for school, work, or their personal lives outside of what we ask them to do.

We may, as mornings get colder (likely in November) switch to PM rehearsals for the remainder of the season, if your band staff feels it is for the best. This will be communicated well in advance so that any necessary planning could take place. If you are worried about car rides, our boosters will be more than happy to help with finding a carpool situation. You can reach out to me directly and I will put you in touch with them. We are excited about the positive change this will bring, and can't wait to dive into summer band!

Sincerely,

Scott Duncan
Director of Bands

2026 RANGER BAND REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday, August 1st

During registration, marching/concert uniform fittings will take place, forms will be collected for the year, and students will purchase and/or acquire a number of items. Expected fees for the 2026-2027 school year are on the final page of this packet. Please allow about 90 minutes for registration. See you on Saturday, Aug. 1st at the Rotunda entrance of SVHS!

Registration Schedule:

SLT-8:00 a.m. Seniors-9:00 a.m. Juniors-10:00 a.m. Sophomores-11:00 a.m. Freshmen-12:00 p.m.

Registration Form Checklist: (please have these forms filled out prior to arrival for registration and printed to turn in)

- ☐ 1 - Comal I.S.D. Emergency Information & Insurance Form (included in this packet)
- ☐ 2 - SVHS Band Standard of Behavior Form (included in this packet)
- ☐ 3 - Parent/Student UIL Acknowledgement Form (included in this packet)
- ☐ 4 - C.I.S.D. Fine Arts Handbook Acknowledgement Form (included in this packet)
- ☐ 5 - Consent and Agreement Ranger Band Handbook Signature Page
- ☐ Checkbook, Credit/Debit Card or Cash

EXPLANATION OF BAND ITEMS

FAIR SHARE: Covers incidentals throughout the year including contest fees, show expenses (music, drill, consultants, props, etc.), water, uniform cleaning/maintenance, service subscriptions, clinician costs, awards, and band social functions.

ULTIMATE DRILL BOOK APP: A subscription app for marching season. Students use this app on their phone at rehearsals to learn drill for performances. It has many qualities that will enhance the experience and effectiveness of rehearsal.

UIL SHOW UNIFORM (TOP/HAT): A custom uniform top and hat tailored specifically for our Competitive 2026 UIL Production: “Bad Romance”. These tops and hats become property of the student when the competitive season concludes.

MEALS: Games and contests can go late and it is critical that students receive a good meal before performance time. The Booster Club provides meals for Games and Contests when needed. This works in your favor, as we annually spend nearly twice per student what the fee costs; and the Ranger Band eats well. For student safety, we must ensure every child eats, so meals are a required item for all membership. Options for dietary restrictions are available. Any changes to diet must be communicated one week prior to the meal.

HYDRATION BACKPACK*: This is required equipment at all rehearsals and performances, and is for all freshmen and anyone who needs a new one. They are considered part of our uniform, and must be uniform. We order a good quality, affordable brand.

DISTRICT INSTRUMENT RENTAL FEE: This is a C.I.S.D. required fee for district-owned instruments, **including percussion.** This fee covers routine maintenance. If you are issued a district owned instrument, you will be responsible for this fee. You are encouraged to invest in getting an intermediate (or advanced) personal instrument, if feasible. Students who wish to utilize personal equipment will need Director permission prior to registration. This is to ensure everyone is performing on adequate equipment for the best experience. This fee does not cover repairs for negligence or intentional damages. In these cases, the \$80 is put toward the cost and **YOU** are responsible for any amount that remains. .

MARCHING SHOES*: We will use the same marching shoes as last year. THESE ARE ALL IN MEN'S SIZES. These shoes are specifically designed for marching band to facilitate our marching technique. This is a required part of the Ranger Band uniform.

RANGER BAND DRY-FIT BLACK T-SHIRT*: Purchased through TMF, our online provider, this is part of the Ranger Band uniform. It is to be worn under the show uniform at all times to help prevent heatstroke and wear and tear on the uniform.

REHEARSAL UNIFORM WHITE TOP/NAVY SHORTS*: Purchased through TMF, the rehearsal uniform provides a more productive rehearsal atmosphere, and assists with identifying uniformity discrepancies in marching technique, drill accuracy and body movement. This uniform will be worn for our weekly long rehearsals (first day of the schoolweek) until showtops come in. At that point, showtops will be worn for long rehearsals, and the rehearsal uniform will be worn for our shorter rehearsals (usually Wed-Fri).

SUMMER UNIFORM SHORT/POLO*: Purchased through TMF, the summer uniform consists of matching shorts, polo shirt, ankle or no-show socks, belt, and tennis shoes. Shirts/shorts are purchased through the TMF link on the Final Page of this packet. You will need to provide the remaining accessories.

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: Support the Band and Color Guard at SVHS by becoming a Booster Member! Be the backbone of your student's success and have a front row ticket to their experience with the Ranger Band. The membership comes in tiers: Basic Membership includes a vote at booster meetings, makes you a priority pick for volunteering, and comes with a Ranger Band car decal. Gold Membership adds a Ranger Band travel mug, and Platinum Membership adds an embroidered Booster Polo.

SENIOR BANNER: Senior banners are presented at the Senior Night football game.

STADIUM DINNER PRE-ORDER: Pre-order Stadium Dinner/Silent Auction tickets for your family and friends! Tickets are \$12 each and this year's event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Nov 6th. ****Student tickets are included in the mandatory fees.****

MEET THE BAND MEAL: A fresh grilled meal with a side and a drink for the Meet the Band performance on August 14th. Pre-order as many as you would like for \$8.00 each.

RANGER BAND MERCH: Your chance to order SV Ranger gear in preparation for football games, & band contests!

***Any issue regarding TMF products must be communicated to TMF directly. *Shoes/hydration backpacks are refundable only if unissued or returned unused. All other items are non-refundable as they will be ordered prior to Registration.**

*****Please Read*****

While Ranger Band fees are between 50% to 80% less than other programs in our area, we understand it is still a significant investment, particularly for families who have multiple students in the program. We never want a student to be unable to participate in the band for financial reasons. Please contact both: scott.duncan@comalisd.org and treasurer@svhsband.com for information on assistance with your student's fees.

2026-2027 SVHS Ranger Band Fee Checklist

Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Student Name:	Parent Name:	Parent Phone:
Student ID#:	Parent Email:	Student Phone:
Grade:	Instrument:	

REQUIRED FEES FOR ALL 2026-2027 RANGER BAND Winds and Percussion		Total
Fair Share		\$ 325
Ultimate Drill Book App Subscription		\$ 22
Custom Tailored UIL Show Uniform Top (Owned by Student Post-season)		\$ 78
Custom UIL Show Hat - Not for Tubas (Owned by Student after Competitive Season)		\$ 30
Meals - All needed student meals and snacks for all events (a \$225+ Value). <i>Any Dietary Restrictions will be adhered to. Changes in restrictions must be communicated one week prior to a meal</i>		\$ 160

REQUIRED ITEMS ORDERED THROUGH THE RANGER BAND (purchase as needed):	Price	Qty	Total
Hydration Backpack*	\$21.00	1	\$
District Instrument Rental Fee (<i>school instruments & percussion</i>) Director approval needed during first week of Summer Band to use Personal Equipment	\$80.00	1	\$
Marching Uniform Shoes (<i>all freshmen and anyone who needs a new pair</i>) * THESE ARE IN MEN'S SIZES	\$42.00	1	\$
** NEW Required ** Ranger Band Sunglasses	\$3.00	1	
Flipbooks, Extra Pages, and Lyres are instrument specific and will be priced and ordered during Summer Band			Sub Total:

REQUIRED ITEMS ORDERED THROUGH TMF (as needed): These items are for all freshmen and anyone who needs a replacement. These items are bulk priced and shipped to your home to save you money! Please make your purchase by going to the QR link below.

Our TMF store is NOW OPEN, and closes at 11:59pm on June 26th, 2026 - Store link available below!

	Ranger Band Dryfit Black T-Shirt - (<i>two shirts are recommended</i>) *	\$11.50
	Summer Uniform Shorts (khaki)*	\$25.00
	Summer Uniform Polo*	\$34.50
	White Rehearsal Uniform Top*	\$13.00
	Rehearsal Uniform Shorts (Women's or Men's)	\$14.00 or \$17.00
	Uniform Black Socks* (any calf-high or longer black socks are acceptable)	\$10.00

<https://stores.inksoft.com/smithsonvalleyhsbg/shop/home>

Elective items through the Ranger Band:	Price	Qty	Total
Band and Color Guard Booster Membership (Basic: \$25) (Gold: \$50) (Platinum: \$75)		x	
Senior Banner (<i>seniors only</i>) print desired name: _____			
Stadium Dinner Guest Ticket Pre-Order (TBA)	\$12.00	x	
Meet the Band Night Dinner Pre-Order (August 20th)	\$8.00	x	
Spirit Booth Merchandise (<i>purchased at band registration day</i>)			
Donations for Flamingo fundraiser			
Other payments/purchases (<i>specify</i> _____)			
Ranger Band TOTAL (without TMF purchase):			\$

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SELECT PAYMENT METHOD:

Credit/Debit Card	Total Payment: \$
Cash	
Check payable to SVHS Band Boosters #_____ (<i>returned checks will incur additional charges</i>)	
First Payment of Payment Plan (please fill out payment plan sheet at Registration)	Payment Date: _____

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